

1-1 By: Alvarado, J. Davis of Harris H.B. No. 2478
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Watson)
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 6, 2013;
 1-4 May 7, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on Economic
 1-5 Development; May 16, 2013, reported favorably by the following
 1-6 vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 16, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-16 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-17 AN ACT

1-18 relating to the collection, study, and reporting by the Texas
 1-19 Workforce Commission of certain information regarding shortages in
 1-20 high-wage, high-demand occupations.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 302, Labor Code, is
 1-23 amended by adding Section 302.019 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 302.019. OCCUPATIONAL SHORTAGE STUDY; REPORT. (a)

1-25 The commission shall gather and study information relating to
 1-26 existing and projected shortages in high-wage, high-demand
 1-27 occupations in this state. The study conducted by the commission
 1-28 under this section must include information on existing and
 1-29 projected shortages in high-wage, high-demand occupations in
 1-30 industrial job sectors, including:

- 1-31 (1) construction;
- 1-32 (2) manufacturing;
- 1-33 (3) agriculture;
- 1-34 (4) forestry;
- 1-35 (5) health care and social services;
- 1-36 (6) education;
- 1-37 (7) transportation and warehousing;
- 1-38 (8) mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction;
- 1-39 (9) utilities;
- 1-40 (10) wholesale trade;
- 1-41 (11) retail trade;
- 1-42 (12) finance and insurance;
- 1-43 (13) professional, scientific, and technical
 1-44 services; and
- 1-45 (14) hospitality and food services.

1-46 (b) Not later than January 1 of each year, the commission
 1-47 shall submit to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker
 1-48 of the house of representatives, and the presiding officer of each
 1-49 standing committee or subcommittee of the legislature with primary
 1-50 jurisdiction over workforce development matters a detailed report
 1-51 summarizing the results of the commission's study under this
 1-52 section for the most recent state fiscal year and any suggestions
 1-53 and recommendations for legislative action the commission
 1-54 considers appropriate resulting from that study.

1-55 SECTION 2. The Texas Workforce Commission shall submit the
 1-56 initial report to the governor and the legislature as required by
 1-57 Section 302.019, Labor Code, as added by this Act, not later than
 1-58 January 1, 2015.

1-59 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-60 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-61 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

2-1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-2 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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